

Washington Fire Engine Company #6
Old Fire Station
Mobile, Alabama 7 N. LAWRENCE ST
Mobile Co.

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District No. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
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OLD FIRE STATION
#7 Lawrence Street
Between St. Francis and Dauphin Streets
Mobile, Alabama

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Build: ~~Probably in 1823.~~ c. 1851,

Architect or Builder not known.

Ownership:

Josiah Wilkins, March 10, 1823.

Dobson and Williams, June 15, 1826.

Washington Fire Engine Company #8, June 13, 1851.

City of Mobile, June 10, 1890.

M. J. Vickers, May 19, 1926.

Present Occupant: M. J. Vickers,

Now used as a warehouse for the storage of furniture.

Jewish Synagogue:

At one time this building was leased by the Jewish people of Mobile as the Second Synagogue.

Fire Station:

This building was for many years a fire station when Fire Companies were a part of the social life of the young men.

Source of Material:

N. H. Holmes, Architect, Mobile, Alabama.
Title Insurance Company, Mobile, Alabama.
Herbert Brown, Mobile, Alabama.
John Glennon, Mobile, Alabama.
Marion Vickers, Mobile, Alabama.

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ARCHITECTURAL MERIT AND DATA:

This building is one of the unusual buildings of Mobile. Although originally built for a synagogue, it served the purposes of a fire station well, as the measured drawings indicate. The exterior design is especially of good proportions and shows a unique use of the Greek Doric order. The balcony, unhappily, has been removed in recent years, the lack of which mars the appearance of the building considerably. The measured drawings, however, show this balcony restored, as photo of the original state of the building with the balcony was found to be in existence. The treatment of the second story rooms shows very interesting interior window trim and an unusual use of moldings, in the Greek manner.

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